



## **SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF COYOTE RI**

To the members of the House Judiciary Committee:

January 24th, 2022

My name is Bella Robinson. I am a resident of West Warwick, (District 27- Representative Patricia Serpa).

I am writing to you today in support of H6602- RELEASING REPORTS ON POLICE WRONGDOING.

I think it is common sense to require this information to be released to the public, as it's important that we have community transparency oversight regarding complaints against the police.

I think it is irresponsible to keep promoting the narrative that there are only a "few bad apples" as we ignore the systemic racism and failures of the system. "The Police Bill of Rights" prohibits police officers to be suspended without pay for more than one day, unless they are arrested for a felony.

In fact, **absolute immunity** is a type of sovereign immunity for government officials that confers complete immunity from criminal prosecution and suits for damages, so long as officials are acting within the scope of their duties.

Passing H6602 will help establish trust between the police and the public. It's time we hold all public servants accountable to our community.

Sincerely,

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